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WEALD OF KENT HEALTH AREA.

THE WEALD OF KENT HEALTH COMMITTEE.

r. Chairman and Members,

I have pleasure in presenting the Sixth Annual Report for the Weald Health Area.

The Statutory Health Committee for the year was constituted as follows:-

Chairman
E. E. SELMES, Esq., J.P.

Tenterden Borough
rs. Adams.
r. T. Martin.

Maidstone Rural District.
W. Day Esq.
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V. Denne Esq.
rs. Clayton-Jones.
Miss A. D. Hindle.

Tenterden Rural District.
H. J. Allsop Esq.
E. E. Selmes Esq.

Clerk to the Committee - P. G. Banfield Esq.
Office - The Hill, Cranbrook.

During the year, the Committee suffered a grievous loss by the death of Mr. E. E. Selmes. In his place as Chairman, Mr. J. B. Leaver, Maidstone Rural District, was unanimously elected. Dr. T. Martin, an Alderman of the Tenterden Borough Council, resigned in November, and his place was taken by Major J. S. Robson.

The estimated population of the area showed a further decline and is now only 19 above the number at the Census of 1931.

Overcrowding remains, and there were numerous applications for houses. Programmes for housing, choosing of sites, were under consideration in all districts, and in one, building was commenced in the Autumn.

All districts have drawn up schemes for the improvement in Water supplies and in disposal of Sewage. The majority of well water supplies are unsatisfactory, and were adversely affected by drought.

There was a further fall in the number of births, by 72 to 626 as compared with the previous year. The birthrate however is slightly above that for England and Wales, (16.1), though decreased in two districts.

Deaths again decreased as in the previous year, by 32 to 501. The deathrate however, though better than the previous year in three districts, remains higher than that for England and Wales (11.4). It is satisfactory to note that infant deaths have decreased by 25%, and that there were no deaths from infantile diarrhoea, nor from puerperal sepsis.

There was rather more infectious disease, mainly due to measles, 477 cases as compared with 106 in 1944. Whooping cough decreased from 198 to 56, scarlet fever as less, and there were only 4 cases of diphtheria notified. There was again an outbreak of Sonne dysentery in a Children's Home.

Since the campaign started in 1941, there have been 7.315 children immunised against diphtheria in the area, a third of whom were under five when inoculated.



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89 children under five were inoculated in 1945. The percentage protected in the child population estimated on the Registrar General's figures, was 60 for the whole area.

Though varying according to district, cases of tuberculosis notified were less than the average for the previous ten years, and the yearly average for the five War years was less than that for the five years prior to the War. The decrease is chiefly in Pulmonary tuberculosis but two districts show an average increase in non-pulmonary cases notified.

With the end of the War, the Sanitary Inspectors were relieved of wartime additional duties, but owing to the large amount of War damage time for Public Health and Sanitary matters was still reduced. The need for additional staff was realised in all districts.

I wish to place on record my thanks to the Sanitary Inspectors for their willing co-operation in spite of continuing difficulties.

I am, Sirs,

Yours obediently,

A. W. GAYE.

Medical Officer of Health.

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Cranbrook.
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STATISTICS.

1945.

	TENTERDEN BOROUGH (53)	CRANBROOK R.D. (7x)	MAIDSTONE R.D. (76)	TENTERDEN R.D. (81)	WEALD AREA.
A (Acres)	8,946	41,315	34,708	38,379	123,348
ABLE VALUE (represented ld rate.	£23,913 £97	£76,699 £308	£91,674 £371,10.3d.	£27,844 £114.8.6d.	£220,130
BER OF INHABITED SES (end 1945)	1,085	4,080	4,960	2,116	12,241
<u>ULATION</u>					
Census 1931	3,472	12,927	15,317	6,315	38,031
Mid-Year 1945.	3,439	12,970	16,370	6,071	38,850
<u>AL STATISTICS:-</u>					
<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>					
LEGITIMATE (M 28) () 47 (F 19)		87)) 175 88)	122)) 246 124)	52)) 94 42)	289)) 562 273)
ILLEGITIMATE (M 2) () 5 (F 3)		12)) 20 8)	15)) 28 13)	6)) 11 5)	35)) 64 29)
TOTAL	52	195	274	105	626
<u>TH RATE.</u>	15.12	15.03	16.74	17.30	16.11
<u>LL BIRTHS</u>					
LEGITIMATE	--	1	8	2	11
ILLEGITIMATE	1	-	-	-	1
TOTAL	1	1	8	2	12
<u>THS</u> M 20 F 28		80 96	90 103	41 43	231 270
TOTAL	48	176	193	84	501
<u>TH RATE.</u>	13.98.	13.57	11.79	13.84	12.89
<u>ANT DEATHS</u>					
nder 1 year)					
LEGITIMATE	3	3	4	5	15
ILLEGITIMATE	1	-	2	-	3
TOTAL	4	3	6	5	18
<u>TH RATE</u>	76.92	15.38	21.89	47.62	28.75
<u>INFANTS</u>					
THS from CER (all ages) M 1) F 3)4		12) 10)22	19) 10)29	6) 4)10	38)65 27)
RRHOEA (under 2 yrs)	-	-	-	-	-

Comments on Statistics.

POPULATION

The population of the area, as estimated, has dropped from 39, 310 to 38, 850, three quarters of the decrease being in the Cranbrook Rural District (320). Both Tenterden Borough and Tenterden Rural District now show a decrease compared with the census figures of 1931.

BIRTHS.

There was a decrease of births in all districts except Tenterden Rural, the total for the area being 626 as compared with 698 in 1944. Two thirds of the decrease was in the Maidstone Rural District. In Tenterden Borough and Cranbrook Rural District the birth rate is below that for England and Wales (16.1).

DEATHS.

Deaths are slightly decreased in all districts, but the deathrates remain higher than that for England and Wales (11.4). The death rate of infants fluctuates considerably from year to year, but in the two more thickly populated districts, the numbers are half those of the previous year. There were no deaths from Diarrhoea in children under 2 years of age, and no deaths from Puerperal Sepsis. There is a decrease in deaths from Cancer except in the Maidstone Rural District.

DEATHS FROM
CANCER
(per 100,000)

Tenterden Borough	Cranbrook R.D.	Maidstone R.D.	Tenterden R.D.
116	169	177	164

HOUSING.

1945.

The housing situation has become even more of a problem than it was in 1944, with the return of men (and women) on demobilisation. A great deal of house property needs repair or improvement.

Tenterden Borough.

Scheme for 48 houses planned.

Cranbrook R.D.

The housing programme provides for the erection of 196 houses in the first two years.

Maidstone R.D.

Ten sites for housing were under negotiation during the year, eight of which have been approved by the Ministry. Negotiations are proceeding for sites in all parishes, and are in various stages of obtaining clearances.

Tenterden Rural D.

Erection of post-war permanent houses commenced in October and as a first programme 264 dwellings are to be built.

The Housing Survey is under way in the three Rural Districts. Very few houses can be classified as satisfactory in all respects (needing no repair or improvement in their amenities.)

The numbers examined and classified are:-

Cranbrook R.D.	Maidstone R.D.	Tenterden R.D.	Weald Area.
284	300	106	690

Tenterden Borough has not inaugurated a scheme of inspection, but a part of the borough is rural and so might come under the definition "for classification of houses in rural areas."

Tenterden Rural D. Housing conditions are fairly good, although there is need for a great deal of improvement in amenities for existing agricultural cottages.

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

1945.

The difficulties with cesspools continue to occur, but the position as regards emptying is becoming easier now that new "Cesspool Emptiers" can be obtained, but will be better still when more labour can be secured.

In Cranbrook, Maidstone and Tenterden Rural Districts, plans are being drawn up or are in hand for the provision of improved sewage disposal methods in many villages.

CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT.

Hawkhurst. A scheme was in hand at outbreak of war. A revised scheme is now being prepared.
Cranbrook and Goudhurst villages are sewered.
Sandhurst and Hawkhurst partly so.

MAIDSTONE RURAL DISTRICT. 7 parishes have sewerage systems. Improvements are under consideration.

TENTERDEN RURAL DISTRICT. Only one parish (and part of another) has adequate sewerage and sewage disposal. A scheme was prepared by Consultant Engineers to cover the remainder of the district, and submitted to the Kent County Council.

SCAVENGING. Refuse collection and scavenging has been to some extent handicapped in all districts by lack of labour.

Tenterden Borough. The refuse tip in Swain Road was given up, as it was causing a nuisance to the inhabitants of houses around, who complained of flies and smell. Owing to lack of labour it became difficult and financially uneconomic to keep the tip properly controlled. Schemes for refuse collection in the Tenterden Rural District were given consideration.

WATER SUPPLIES.

W. 1945.

The following samples were taken:-

	Tenterden Borough.		Cranbrook R.D.		Maidstone R.D.		Tenterden R.D.		Weald Area.	
	*s.	u.	s.	u.	s.	u.	s.	u.	s.	u.
<u>Mains.</u>	5.	-	14.	-	13	-	28	3	60	3.
<u>Wells.</u>	-	-	5	10	12	15	-	4	17	29

* s = Satisfactory U = Unsatisfactory.

Chemical examinations of 1 mains and 4 well waters were made in the Cranbrook Rural District, and these were all satisfactory. 8 of well water were made in Maidstone Rural District, 3 of which were unsatisfactory.

The quality of the mains water remains good in all districts with one exception --- the raw water at East Farleigh pumping station from Ewell Manor, which is unsatisfactory from time to time.

The percentage of dwelling houses supplied remains much the same, but schemes are under consideration for improvements in supply in various villages.

Tenterden Borough. A new 6" asbestos cement main has been laid from Biddenden to Tenterden to replace the old 3" main.

The supply as a whole is satisfactory, but there is need for mains supplies at Reading Street and Swayne Road.

Tenterden Rural. Extension of mains, Back Street to Moons Green, Wittersham, to 10 dairy farms and 13 dwellings, commenced in 1944, was completed in 1945.
There is a piped water supply in every parish.
Supply in the parish of Wittersham is insufficient owing to lack of pressure. Schemes for extension of mains have been prepared for four areas at present without supply.

MILK SUPPLIES.

1945.

Shown below are the numbers of samples taken:-

	Tenterden Borough		Cranbrook R.D.		Maidstone R.D.		Tenterden R.D.		Weald Area.	
	No	Bad	No.	Bad	No	Bad	No	Bad	No	Bad
SCHOOLS	-	-	7	-	1	-	2	-	10	-
ORDINARY	-	-	1	-	-	-	12	2	13	2
From ACCREDITED HERDS.....	4	2	53	6	18	2	33	7	118	17
From TUBERCULIN TESTED HERDS.	-	-	69	5	37	7	28	5	134	17
MIXED FOR TUBERCULOSIS.	1	-	1	-	7	1	14	2	23	3

It will be noted that the percentage of unsatisfactory samples is greater in the case of milks from "Accredited" than from "Tuberculin Tested" herds.

MAIDSTONE R.D. Repairs to 11 dairies were carried out.

TENTERDEN R.D. Owing to the shortage of building labour and its employment upon repair of War Damage, little work, except minor repairs, could be done on improvement of cow-sheds. Only one cow-shed was reconstructed.

It has always been the aim of the Education Authority to supply T.T. milk to the schools, and with the increase in T.T. herds, it should soon be possible to supply all schools with this grade of milk.

There are now farms in the area producing designated milk as follows:-

	Tenterden Borough	Cranbrook R.D.	Maidstone R.D.	Tenterden R.D.	Weald Area.
ACCREDITED.	5	12	3	8	28
TUBERCULIN TESTED.	2	16	6	6	30

There has been a definite increase in producers of T.T. milk since the allowance on this milk was raised.

Below is shown the number of producers and retailers and of the visits of Sanitary Inspectors in connection with milk supplies:-

	Tenterden Borough	Cranbrook R.D.	Maidstone R.D.	Tenterden R.D.	Weald Area.
PRODUCERS.	19	118	47	194	378
PRODUCE-RETAILERS.	6	38	7	40	91
RETAILERS.	1	46	33	40	120
VISITS by SANITARY INSPECTORS.	18	353	104	106	581

SLAUGHTER HOUSES.

No slaughtering other than Emergency, took place in the area.

NURSING HOMES.

	Number Registered	Maternity Beds.	Other Beds.
TENTERDEN BOROUGH	1	12	8
CRANBROOK R.D.	4	9	23
MAIDSTONE R.D.	1	30 (3 I.D.)	-
WEALD HEALTH AREA.	6	51	31

One of the four Nursing Homes in the Cranbrook R.D. admitted no patients during the year owing to lack of staff; two Nursing Homes came off, and one was put on the Register.

Also one Home came off the Register in the Maidstone R.D.

There is a definite need for more Nursing Homes in the area, especially to deal with maternity cases.

NURSERY.

An experiment was tried in the Cranbrook Rural District in the establishment by the local Red Cross Detachment, of a nursery for children of 2-5 years of age, held on Saturday afternoons at the Bull Room, Cranbrook. Unfortunately it was insufficiently patronised and the project had to be given up, after the possibility of better attendance on a different afternoon, had been explored.

It is a great pity that such a scheme did not succeed, as it is still felt there is a potential need for it.

Possibly it might have succeeded better, if a more extended age group could have been arranged.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

1945.

<u>DISEASE.</u>	TENTERDEN BOROUGH	CRANBROOK R.D.	MAIDSTONE R.D.	TENTERDEN R.D.	WEALD HEALTH AREA
Scarlet fever.	2	20	16	3	41
Whooping cough.	4	7	45	-	56
Measles	33	128	274	42	477
Diphtheria	-	1	3	-	4
Pneumonia.	-	17	3	-	20
Erysipelas.	-	3	2	3	8
Interperal pyrexia.	-	2	1	-	3
Dysentery (sonne)	4	23	4	2	33
Gastro-enteritis.	-	2	-	13	15
Cerebro spinal meningitis.	-	-	-	1	1
TOTALS:-	43	203	348	64	658

Of cases admitted to hospital, from the Cranbrook R.D. there was 1 of meningitis (due to ear disease), 1 rubella and 1 tonsillitis; and from the Maidstone R.D., 2 rubella. There was also one case admitted to Loose Isolation Hospital as meningitis which proved on further investigation (at the County Hospital, Pembury) to be cephalitis. The cause was unascertainable.

NON-CIVILIAN.

There was 1 case of measles in the Maidstone R.D., and 1 Sonne dysentery; and 2 malaria in the Tenterden R.D.

The increase (177) in the number of cases of infectious disease this year as compared with 1944 was due to an epidemic of measles mainly in the Maidstone and Cranbrook Rural Districts. The total number of cases however (477) was considerably less than in the measles epidemic of 1943 (770), in which all four districts were extensively involved.

TENTERDEN BOROUGH.

Remained remarkably free from major infectious disease. There was a small epidemic of measles but only one fifth of the number of cases that were notified in 1943.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. (continued)

1945.

CRANBROOK R.D.

There were a few more cases of scarlet fever than in 1944 (17). There was no true epidemic, the cases occurring sporadically except in the month of December, when there were nine in Hawkhurst. The outbreak of measles was not so severe as in 1943. Sonne dysentery occurred at Babies Castle, Hawkhurst, and there were two cases of gastro-enteritis due to *Bacillus Aertryche*. An interesting point in the dysentery outbreak was, that a nurse infected had not been in contact with any of the patients or direct contact with the staff nursing them. Apparently the probable means of infection was through a W.C. seat rendered unclean by another one of the staff. It is difficult to explain why this Rural District should continue to have more cases of pneumonia than the other two.

MAIDSTONE R.D.

There was a mild outbreak of whooping cough and a considerable one of measles, the cases being twice as numerous as in 1943. A man working in a knackers yard was exposed to anthrax infection, but though he had cuts on his hands, did not develop the disease.

TENTERDEN R.D.

There was a small outbreak of measles. This was the district chiefly affected in the epidemic of 1943 (310.) The cases of gastro-enteritis were due to corned-beef infected with a food poisoning organism.

The following deaths from infectious disease occurred during the year:-

DISEASE.

Scarlet fever.

Diphtheria.

Pneumonia.

Influenza.

TENTERDEN BOROUGH	CRANBROOK R.D.	MAIDSTONE R.D.	TENTERDEN R.D.	WEALD AREA.
-	1	-	-	1
-	1	2	-	3
3	5	11	2	21
-	-	1	-	1

The discrepancy between the number of deaths from pneumonia and the cases notified (3) in the Maidstone R.D. is noticeable. The figures of deaths are as given by the Registrar General. The difference is too great to be entirely explained by the removal of patients to hospitals outside the district before diagnosis was made. Alternatively it may be partly explained by omission to notify.

There was very little infectious disease notified from hop-picker camps, 1 case of scarlet-fever in the Maidstone Rural District, and information was received of a few cases of diarrhoea.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. (continued)

1945.

ne schools sent notices of the following:-

<u>DISEASE.</u>	TENTERDEN BOROUGH	CRANBROOK R.D.	MAIDSTONE R.D.	TENTERDEN R.D.
scarlet-fever.	1	1	8	-
whooping cough.	-	8	13	-
measles.	26	106	119	3
diphtheria.	-	-	1	-
rumps	7	77	51	24
rubella	-	-	3	-
chicken-pox	3	65	8	31
scabies.	-	13	4	-
ringworm	-	2	-	-
impetigo	3	25	14	5
conjunctivitis.	-	5	2	-
herpetic.	-	-	5	-

It may be noted that whereas formerly the number of notices of measles and whooping cough was considerably more than those notified (which is to be expected, as not all mothers call in a Doctor for these diseases), recently the position has been reversed and now more notifications are received than notices from the schools.

A small number (24) of children have received a supplementary dose of the exoid, four years after their initial inoculation, in order to keep up their individual immunity to a high level.

LOOSE ISOLATION HOSPITAL.

Dr. Colman, Medical attendant to the hospital (vice Dr. A. T. Falwasser) relinquished the appointment towards the end of the year and Dr. R. E. Chamings, College Road, Maidstone, was appointed in his place.

TUBERCULOSIS.

1945.

The table below shows the number of notifications, deaths and recoveries from tuberculosis during the year.

New cases.					Deaths.					Recoveries		
Pulmon-ary		Non Pulmon-ary		Total	Pulmon-ary		Non Pulmon-ary		Total	Pulmon-ary		Total
M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F				
1	1	1	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4	6	1	-	11	3*	-	-	-	3	3	2) 2)	4 7
3	5	-	2	10	+ 5	3*	-	-	8	1 -	4) 3)	7 8
2	3	2	-	7	4	1	-	-	5	-	-	-
10	15	4	3		12	4				4	11	
25		7		32	16		-		16	15		15

There was 1 pulmonary non-civilian case notified in each of the three areas Tenterden Borough, Cranbrook and Tenterden Rural Districts.

* one not notified + 1 carcinoma of lung @ 1 accidental death.

The total number of cases of tuberculosis notified, compared with the previous year, increased in Tenterden Borough and Cranbrook R.D., remained stationary in Tenterden R.D. and decreased in the most highly populated Maidstone Rural District. The table below serves for comparison with the previous five years.

	1940			1941			1942			1943			1944			Average.	
	P	NP	T	P	NP	T	P	NP	T	P	NP	T	P	NP	T	5 years.	
Tenterden Borough	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	-	2	3	-	3	1	1	2	2 1	2
Cranbrook R.D.	5	2	7	8	4	12	9	7	16	3	4	7	8	1	9	7 4	10
Maidstone R.D.	13	3	16	14	3	17	14	8	22	9	5	14	7	4	11	11 5	16
Tenterden R.D.	2	1	3	7	4	11	6	1	7	4	1	5	7	-	7	5 1	7
Total Area.	22	7	29	30	12	42	31	16	45*	19	10	29	23	6	29	25 10	35

* 1942. Two cases were both pulmonary and non-pulmonary.

In Tenterden Borough and Tenterden Rural District there is a small increase in non-pulmonary; in Cranbrook R.D. an increase in pulmonary and a decrease in non-pulmonary; and in Maidstone R.D. a decrease in both pulmonary and non-pulmonary notifications.

The table below gives the figures for five pre-war years:-

	1935			1936			1937			1938			1939			Average		
	P	NP	T	P	NP	T	P	NP	T	P	NP	T	P	NP	T	P	NP	T
Tenterden Borough	2	1	3	1	1	2	2	1	3	2	1	3	3	2	5	2	1	3
Cranbrook R.D.	6	1	7	11	3	14	12	4	16	4	-	4	5	4	9	8	2	10
Maidstone R.D.	11	6	17	16	2	18	11	2	13	18	3	21	24	4	28	16	3	19
Tenterden R.D.	3	1	4	6	3	9	6	1	7	4	3	7	4	2	6	5	2	7
Total Area	22	9	31	34	9	43	31	8	39	28	7	35	36	12	48	30	9	39

It will be seen that in the Cranbrook and Tenterden Rural Districts the average for the two five yearly periods (5 war and 5 pre-war) has remained the same. In the Tenterden Borough there appears a tendency to decrease in pulmonary and to increase in non-pulmonary cases, (mainly cervical glands); in the latter district, non-pulmonary cases have slightly decreased.

In the Maidstone Rural District, there is shown a definite decrease of notifications of pulmonary, with an increase of non-pulmonary; and in the Tenterden Borough, a decrease in the non-pulmonary cases there being only half the number during the war period.

INSPECTIONS BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

		TENTERDEN BOROUGH			CRANBROOK R.D.			MAIDSTONE R.D.			TENTERDEN R.D.		
		Numbers	Visits	Defects	Numbers	Visits	Defects	Numbers	Visits	Defects	Numbers	Visits	Defects
<u>Bakehouses.</u>		3	8	-	16	17	5	14	17	4	9	4	1
<u>Slaughter houses.</u>	L							14)					
	R	2	7	-	12	14	-	4)	30	2	5	26	-
<u>Other food preparing places places</u>		1	3	-	37	10	2	25	18	4	8	9	-
<u>Factories.</u>		1	2	-				20x	8	3	7	12	-
<u>Workshops</u>		-	-	-	81x	19	5	61	16	2	3	2	1
<u>Workplaces.</u>		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-

* this figure includes bakehouses.

NUISANCES & DEFECTS remedied, (other than above.)

	Tenterden Borough	Cranbrook R.D.	Maidstone R.D.	Tenterden R.D.
<u>Overcrowding.</u>	-	1	2	-
<u>Keeping of animals.</u>	1	2	4	1
insufficient	-	4	-	4
<u>Sanitary Accommodation</u> defective	6	16	14	7
reconstructed	-	4)		
<u>Drainage</u> or repaired	3	8)	12	18
<u>Cesspools.</u> abolished.	-	-	-	-
repaired	-	5	15	2
emptied.	2	41	1,112	2
<u>Offensive Accumulations.</u>	1	2	8	-
<u>Refuse Receptacles.</u>	1	4	7	-
<u>Yard Paving</u>	-	3	-	-
<u>Dampness.</u>	-	5	-	6
<u>Roofs & Rainwater pipes.</u>	-	18	12	11
<u>Floors.</u>	1	20	8	7
<u>Walls and ceilings.</u>	-	11	18	3
<u>Windows & Ventilations.</u>	-	3	14	2
<u>Baths, Lavatory Basins & Sinks.</u>	2	6	-	1
<u>Water Supplies.</u>	-	29	-	4
<u>Miscellaneous.</u>	16	14	16	9

The amount of labour involved in emptying cesspools is noticeable.

FOOD CONDEMNED DURING THE YEAR:-

TENTERDEN BOROUGH				CRANBROOK R.D.				MAIDSTONE R.D.				TENTERDEN R.D.			
Tons	Cwts	Qts	Lbs	Tons	Cwts	Qts	Lbs	Tons	Cwts	Qts	Lbs	Tons	Cwts	Qts	Lbs
3	6	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	7	3	6	-	6 *	2	24

* Tenterden Rural District. This figure does not include the carcasses and organs of 3 lambs and 2 calves, which were also condemned.

Total number of inspections by the Sanitary Inspectors.

TENTERDEN BOROUGH	CRANBROOK R.D.	MAIDSTONE R.D.	TENTERDEN R.D.
113	1,514	2,118	831

The Sanitary Inspectors had much of their time occupied, as in 1944, in connection with War damage; except in the Maidstone Rural District where there is a separate Surveyor.

A change was made in the Cranbrook Rural District in which the offices of Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector were separated during the year, but the Chief Sanitary Inspector continued to survey as regards War damage, in part of the district.

